

State Revolving Fund Loan Programs

Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT AMENDMENT #1: NEW LIFT STATION AND FORCE MAIN, AND SEWER CHANGES SRF PROJECT # WW 09 75 54 01

Date: January 27, 2012

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in Montgomery County Regional Sewer District's Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #1 will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

How were environmental issues considered?

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement.

Why is additional environmental review not required?

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

Mr. Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager SRF Programs 317-232-8623; mhensche at ifa.in.gov

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address:

New Lift Station, Force Main and Sewer Changes

Nucor Road Collection/Treatment Project

Preliminary Engineering Report Amendment #1
Montgomery County Regional Sewer District (RSD)

309 North Green Street Crawfordsville, IN 47933

SRF Project Number:

WW 09 75 54 01

Authorized Representative:

Mr. Bill Henderson, Board Secretary/Treasurer

Montgomery County RSD

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed lift station will be sited at the junction of Ladoga Road and Cord Nucor Road just inside Section 36, Township 18 N, Range 4W in the Ladoga USGS 7.5' quadrangle, South Union Township. The force main from the lift station will run north from the new lift station (Exhibit 1). A 400 foot sanitary sewer extension will be in Section 25.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

On November 28, 2011, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program approved a project to provide sewers to an area approximately two miles southeast of Crawfordsville and treat the wastewater at a new treatment plant. The project area includes the Chigger Hollow Subdivision and the area along Cord Nucor Road south to Ladoga Road. In an effort to reduce costs, the District has revised the approved project. The District proposes to (1) add a 200 gallons per minute lift station (Lift Station 1B) and 3,514 feet of 6-inch diameter force main at the southern end of the approved project to allow a shallower depth for sanitary sewer installation and (2) a 400 foot length of sanitary sewer from Cord Nucor Road to CR 400 S to serve a business. In addition, a sanitary sewer north of Chigger Hollow has been reduced in length.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS AND FUNDING

A. Estimated Cost Summary

Construction and Equipment Costs

Sanitary Lift Station 1B 6-inch Sanitary Force Main 8-inch Sanitary Sewer (400 ft) \$225,000

89,200

22,000

Estimated Construction Cost *Total Revised Estimated Project Cost

\$336,200

ect Cost \$11,380,000

* recently opened bids indicate that the cost will likely be lower

B. Montgomery County RSD will finance the collection system and treatment plant project with a loan from the SRF Program for a 20-year term at an annual fixed interest rate to be determined at loan closing.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

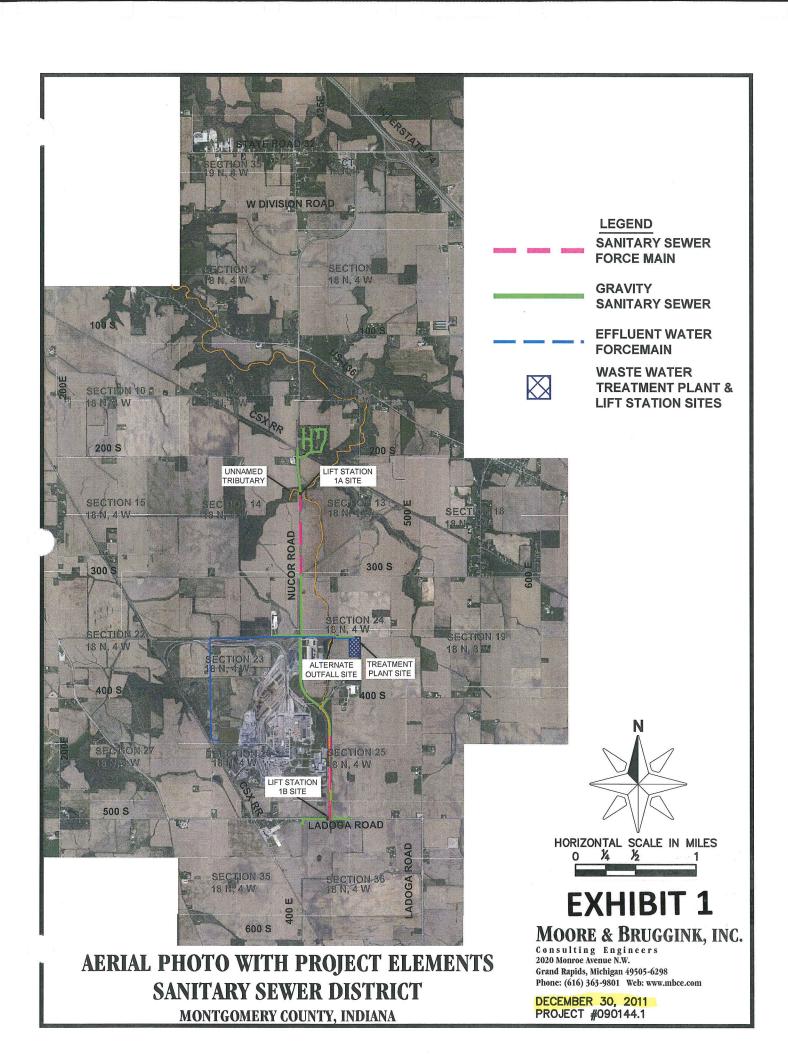
The additional lift station, force main and new sanitary sewer will be sited in previously disturbed road right-of-way and their installation will not produce significant environmental impacts.

Construction and operation of the project will not alter, demolish or remove historic properties. If any visual or audible impacts to historic properties occur, they will be temporary and will not alter the characteristics that qualify such properties for inclusion in or eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. The SRF's finding pursuant to the Section 106 of the national Historic Preservation Act is: "no historic properties affected." See Exhibit 2.

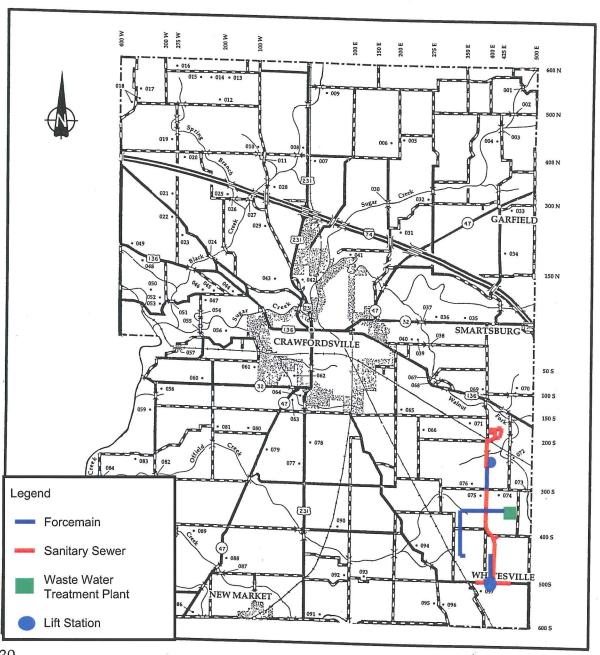
If any archaeological artifacts, features, or human remains are uncovered during construction, state law (Indiana code 14-21-1-27 and 29) requires that the discovery must be reported to the Department of Natural Resources within two business days.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Montgomery County RSD described Amendment #1 in the Advertisement for Bids, which was published in the Journal Review on December 30, 2011 and January 6, 2012. No comments were received.



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EXHIBIT 2:

from the Montgomery Count Interim Report Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory

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